

CHAPTER NO. 480

HOUSE BILL NO. 1017

By Representatives Jackson, McMillan, Davidson, Boyer, Maddox, Fitzhugh, Godsey, Bittle

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1343

By Senators Springer, Burks, Rochelle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413, relative to costs of investigations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413, is amended in subsection (a) by deleting the word "may" and by substituting instead the word "shall".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413, is further amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new subsection:

(b) Any reasonable costs incurred by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in conducting such investigations of applicants shall be paid by the applicant the first time such applicant applies for a position with a local board of education. The applicant shall be provided a copy of all criminal history records check documentation provided to the local board of education to which the applicant first applies. In lieu of additional criminal history records checks for subsequent applicants, the applicant may submit copies of the applicant's initial criminal history records check documentation and shall not be required to pay any additional costs. Any local board of education may reimburse the applicant for the costs of the investigation if the applicant accepts a position as a teacher or any other position requiring proximity to school children. Any local board of education may establish a policy authorizing payments for investigations of applicants who provide school maintenance, clean-up, food service and other such functions other than administrative or teaching functions or duties. A local board of education may pay for an investigation of such applicant regardless of whether the applicant accepts an offer for employment with such board of education.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 27, 1999



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of June 1999



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